Celebrate Your Park!

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

2000 Blossom Festival

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CVA

The Great Outdoors Concert

The Cleveland Orchestra ~ *Jahja Ling, Conductor*

Blossom Music Center* ~ *Sunday, July 30, 2000

Pre-concert Festival Program Book & 25th Anniversary Guide

Reflection

Robert Stanton, Director
National Park Service

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area was established during a time of a growing concern about the remoteness of national parks, which was seen to prevent many Americans from having opportunities to experience them. Within the National Park Service, a movement began to bring parks to the people, and CVNRA became a successful step in that movement. Today at CVNRA, people can have frequent, even daily, contact with the natural and cultural heritage of the valley. My hope is that as people gain appreciation for the resources of the valley, it will translate into a desire to preserve the country's treasures as a whole.

John P. Debo, Jr., Superintendent
Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA) has come a long way since President Ford signed the bill into law authorizing its establishment on December 27, 1974. While that law created the park on paper, it's taken 25 years, strong funding support from Congress and local foundations, and the combined efforts of countless individuals, organizations, and all levels of government to assemble the pieces of this complex "partnership park."

In the early years of the park, focus was on land acquisition and basic infrastructure development. At the same time, the interpretive, environmental education, historical preservation, and natural resource management programs of the park began to take shape. With the opening of the 20-mile Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath in 1993, the park took a huge leap forward. The Towpath opened CVNRA to a broad range of new users, gave the park a definable image, and pulled together the disparate array of sites and resources scattered throughout the 33,000-acre national park. Today, CVNRA and its many partners provide a diverse variety of recreational and educational opportunities in a setting rich in cultural and natural resource values. Who would have guessed 25 years ago that CVNRA would now host 3.5 million visitors a year, making it in the top 20 most visited parks in the National Park System?

With the passage of legislation by Congress in 1996 creating the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Corridor, the successes achieved in CVNRA are serving as inspiration to citizens, communities, and partner organizations along the 110-mile corridor from Cleveland to New Philadelphia. CVNRA will soon be linked by the Towpath Trail, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, and the just-designated National Scenic Byway to recreational, natural, cultural, and historic assets in communities all along the corridor, giving the next 25 years a wonderfully exciting prospect. We are so pleased you could join us this evening to celebrate our achievements and contemplate our bright future. The best is yet to come!

Former Congressman John F. Seiberling

Without the vision, cooperation, and perseverance of hundreds of citizens, we would not have had the Act of Congress that authorized CVNRA 25 years ago. However, that crucial legislation was only the beginning. Without the magnificent work of the Park Service staff and continuing support in Congress and by the people of northeastern Ohio in the ensuing 25 years, we would not now be able to enjoy many of the beautiful places in this great park. This is indeed a time for celebrating, but it is also a time to rededicate ourselves to the preservation of this wonderful park in the years to come.

about Your Park

Seiberling with Ohio Congressmen Ralph Regula (left) and Charles Vanik (right) during the 1974 hearings.

Congressman Ralph Regula

Congressman Ralph Regula
President Theodore Roosevelt once said that "in utilizing and conserving the natural resources of the nation, the one characteristic more essential than any other is foresight." When John Seiberling and I sponsored the legislation which created the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area back in 1975, we had a vision for creating a respite for the growing population in northeastern Ohio. Today that foresight is a reality with so many areas of the Cuyahoga being utilized by northern Ohio's residents. The towpath is a busy walkway for runners, walkers and bicyclists. School children pay visits to experience their first view of wildlife or to learn about the history of the Cuyahoga Valley. I am pleased to have played a part in preserving the Cuyahoga Valley and in watching it develop into a part of our community, our heritage, and our future in the busy world of the 21st century.

Governor Bob Taft
The Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area is one of Ohio's greatest treasures. My wife Hope and I have biked the canal towpath several times and I enjoy showcasing the area whenever I can, such as last year during the Ohio Department of Development's Travel and Tourism media tour. Congratulations on your 25th anniversary.

Senator Mike DeWine
For years, CVNRA has been providing Ohioans with valuable opportunities to explore nature, discover our state's history, and participate in outdoor sporting activities. As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of CVNRA's significant contributions, it is important and necessary for all of us to continue to support and preserve our state's unique outdoor settings so they may be enjoyed by the next generation of Ohio families.

Senator George Voinovich
This celebration will bring two of Ohio's most valued treasures together - the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area and the Cleveland Orchestra. I congratulate CVNRA for 25 years of service as a natural and historic resource to Ohio.

Congressman Steven C. LaTourette
The Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area is one of the most glorious, peaceful places in the world, and all of us who live in NE Ohio are truly blessed to be able to call it our own.

Congressman Sherrod Brown
The Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area stands as a monument to northeast Ohio's past and a breathtaking reminder of the need to preserve the natural beauty of our national park lands. It is one of northeast Ohio's most picturesque and historic natural treasures.

Working with citizens groups such as Cuyahoga Valley Association and Cuyahoga Valley Park Federation, Seiberling generated broad support for a park. Bus tours exposed many people to the valley. This tour was held during the 1974 Congressional hearings. Seiberling is sixth from the left.

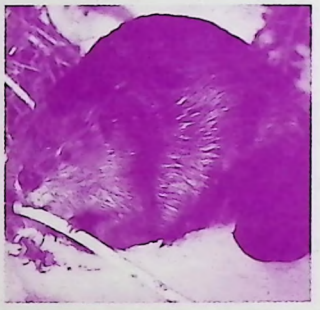
Congressman Tom Sawyer
The Cuyahoga Valley Association played a pivotal role in building public support for legislation protecting the Valley 25 years ago. I hope that every park visitor also knows the continuing importance of the CVA. Its programs and projects add immense value to the visitor experience at the park and deserve your support.

Nature's Return to the Valley

Natural History of Your Park

An evening walk on the Towpath Trail north from Ira Trailhead is a natural treat. Trees bend over the trail, sheltering songbirds. Mallards and wood ducks swim quietly in the canal. Further along, the trail becomes a boardwalk where the landscape opens into a wet marshland created by a beaver dam. The beaver lodge sits next to the boardwalk, and the beavers themselves are often out in the evening feeding and maintaining the marsh. Other wildlife also frequents the marsh: great blue herons fish in the shallow waters; prothonotary warblers flash bright yellow and orange as they fly along the water's edge; muskrats show their heads as they swim through the marsh.

When CVNRA was established 25 years ago, a visitor to this spot would have found a different scene - a junkyard piled with old cars. While hardly expected for a park, scenes like these were not uncommon in CVNRA. Unlike national parks established in areas only minimally reached by development pressures, Cuyahoga Valley had been a lived-in landscape where people had built homes, farmed, run factories, quarried for stone and gravel, and dumped their waste. With the growth of suburbs after World War II, uses of the land that pushed back nature only increased.



Over the past 25 years, park staff, volunteers, and partner groups have worked to repair damage from harmful uses of the land while preserving the fabric of its historic uses. Nature has helped with the restoration as well. Plants have reclaimed once barren areas, and animals absent from the valley have returned to the newly inviting land. The return of beavers has had perhaps the most dramatic impact on the natural landscape. Beavers, trapped extensively for their fur, had disappeared from Ohio by 1830, recolonizing the state a century later. In the 1980s, beavers again appeared in the Cuyahoga Valley, building dams to create their marshland homes. Animals dependent on wetlands followed the beavers into the valley. Great blue herons had been missing from the valley until beaver wetlands again gave them abundant places to feed. Now three heronries - clusters of trees used for nesting - can be found in or near the park.

Wild turkeys are another animal once missing in the park that again thrive here. What other animals may return? River otters have been spotted in Northeast Ohio and may soon be seen in the Cuyahoga River.

The return of some animals has been a mixed blessing. At the beginning of the century, white-tailed deer were rare in Ohio. Now they abound, and some are concerned that they are eating away food needed by other animals and damaging wildflower populations. Canada geese too have rebounded from low populations to the point where they are seen by some as a nuisance. Despite these issues, the success of nature's return in the Cuyahoga Valley offers a valuable lesson: nature, if given the space and chance, can thrive where it once seemed pushed away. People created the opportunity in the Cuyahoga Valley. Where else can such opportunities be made?

Cuyahoga Valley through the Seasons

Cuyahoga Valley's trails wander through diverse habitats from old farm fields to mature forests, from wetlands to rocky ledges. Explore them all – revisiting them at different times of year – to discover the nuances of nature. Below are some seasonal favorites.

Winter

Brandywine Gorge and Blue Hen Falls trails
These trails take you to waterfalls to watch the winter progression of ice build-up.

Old Carriage Trail
The steep contours of the valley become apparent as the forest landscape opens up in winter. Hemlock trees growing in cool, moist ravines give this trail some winter greenness.

Spring

Haskell Run, Boston Run, and Salt Run trails
Trails that cross the moist bottomlands along small streams are good places to find spring woodland wildflowers.

Towpath Trail and Deep Lock Quarry
Migratory birds, bright in their breeding colors, fly the Cuyahoga River corridor to their northern breeding areas.

Summer

Ledges Trail
The rocky ledges hold cool, moist air close, providing a break from summer heat.

Towpath Trail
Summer wildflowers brighten the route of this trail.

Fall

Tree Farm and Oak Hill trails
These trails wander through fall woodlands and old farm fields full of colorful fall-blooming flowers.

Cross Country and Lake trails
Enjoy fall colors set against expansive grassy hills.

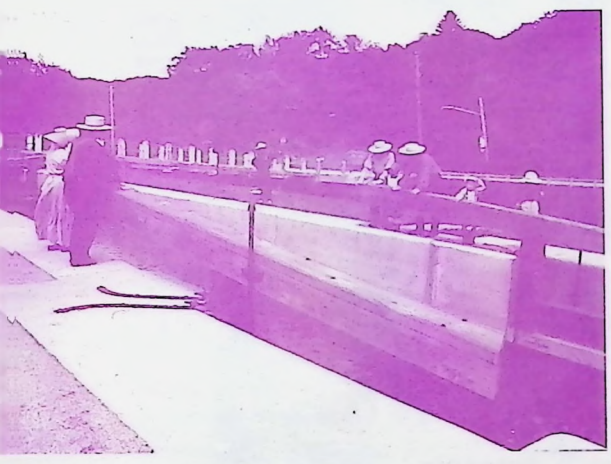
A Lived-in Valley

Twelve thousand years of human history have left their imprint on the Cuyahoga Valley. Since the glaciers receded and forests began to regrow, people have been here, shaping the land and using its resources.

Paleo Indians came here first. They were a nomadic people known for hunting Ice Age big game. Over the succeeding generations, cultures changed, adapting to the environment and shaping it to their needs. People began to grow crops and create more permanent markers of their presence by constructing mounds and earthworks.

Europeans first arrived in northern Ohio in the mid-1600s. The earliest came in pursuit of furs, working as trappers or trading for them with historic American Indian tribes that passed through this area. Their impact on the land was a dramatic decline in wildlife, including the disappearance of the beaver from Ohio.

Settlement of the valley actively began in 1795 when the Connecticut Land Company began to sell lands that had been claimed by Connecticut as their Western Reserve. The settlers who came were farmers, lured by the rich soil of the river valley and its promise of prosperity. The hard work of carving farms from the forest netted good crops, but it wasn't until the Ohio & Erie Canal opened between Cleveland and Akron in 1827 that the dream of prosperity was realized. The canal, with its Lake Erie connection to New York and the Erie Canal, provided the first reliable way to reach busy East Coast markets. While first supporting farming, the canal also spurred growth of industry, towns, and cities. It also may have been used by slaves escaping north to freedom on the Underground Railroad.



Railroads were the next innovation to influence the valley. Large-scale railroad construction began in Ohio in the 1850s to compete with the canal. In 1880, the Valley Railway--built to bring coal from central Ohio to Cleveland--opened through the valley. It eventually served factories built along its route. Still, the valley retained a pastoral character with active farming communities. But the railroad connected the farmers much more easily to urban areas, both for getting their produce to market and for their own enjoyment.

Recreational visits to the valley date to the late 1800s. The waning canal and the new railroad both entertained visitors from the cities out to enjoy nature. In the 1910s and '20s, Cleveland and Akron Metropolitan Park Districts both got their starts, opening reservations in the valley. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) came in the 1930s to build park facilities using the unemployed labor of the Great Depression. In addition to buildings, the CCC left tangible marks by planting pine forests and even contouring the land to meet the period's ideas of a pleasing outdoor environment.

Today, CVNRA and its partners work to preserve remnants from each era of valley history, making the park landscape a mosaic created by many different hands. We invite you to share in the history of the valley.

Cultural History of Your Park

Cuyahoga Valley through the Ages

The Cuyahoga Valley is rich in history and plentiful in ways to explore the past. Here is a sampling of places you can discover the history of the Cuyahoga Valley:

Canal Visitor Center
This canal-era building features exhibits that illustrate the 12,000 years of history in the valley with focus on the Ohio & Erie Canal.

Frazee House
Built in 1826, this is one of the oldest houses in the Cuyahoga Valley. Exhibits help visitors look closely at the architecture and history of the home.

Boston Store
This restored circa 1836 structure features interactive museum exhibits on canal boat building.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center
Hunt Farm is typical of the many small family farms that dotted the valley in the late 19th century.

Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail
Dozens of wayside exhibits along the trail explore the history of the canal and Cuyahoga River valley.

Virginia Kendall Area
Wayside exhibits around the area help tell the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps and its role in shaping recreation in the valley.

The Great Outdoors Concert

Pre-concert Festival Activities

During the pre-concert family festival, visit stations around the grounds of Blossom to enjoy a sampling of programs offered throughout the year in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. Be introduced to the nature and history of the Cuyahoga Valley; discover the people who have lived in the valley in the past or enrich it with performances from their cultural traditions today; and meet some of the many organizations who work in partnership with the National Park Service to bring recreational opportunities to the valley and beyond. Programs are presented by the National Park Service unless otherwise noted.

Station 1

Cuyahoga Valley Farming Heritage

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Old farm tool display and farm tunes sung by Greg Candel that tell the story of farming in the valley

Presented by Hale Farm & Village and the Cuyahoga Countryside Conservancy

Station 2

Robert Glenn Ketchum Photography

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Views of the Cuyahoga Valley by a nationally acclaimed photographer

Station 3

Tina Bergmann & Bryan Thomas

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Old-time traditional and Celtic music

Station 4

Eastern National

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Sales area with park-specific sales items

Station 5

Nature Face Painting

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Station 6

Discover Your National Parks

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Information Booth

Station 7

Birds of Prey

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Live hawks and other birds of prey being rehabilitated by Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

Station 8

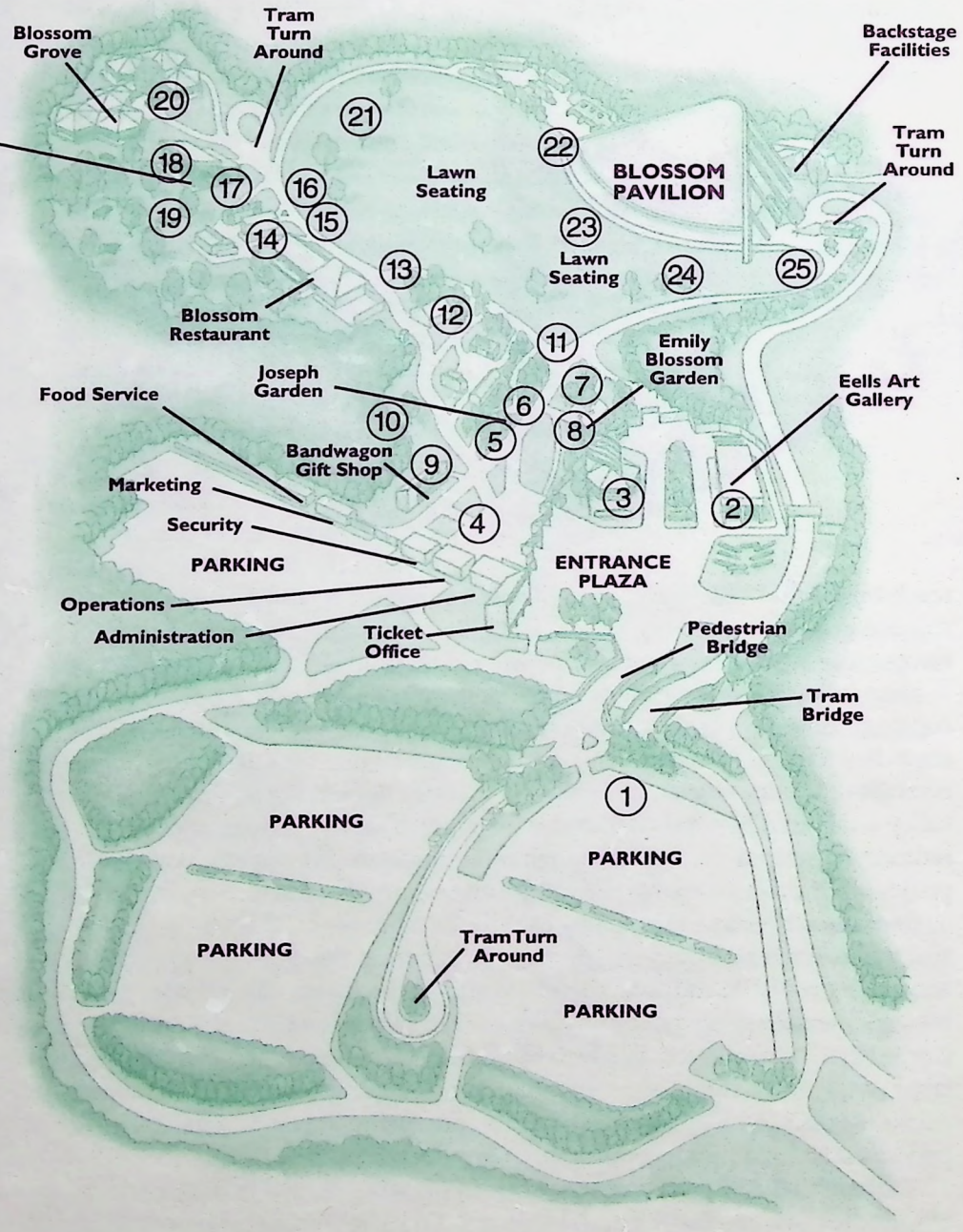
Bures Pottery

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Demonstration of pottery-making techniques

Presented by the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce

BLOSSOM GROUNDS MAP

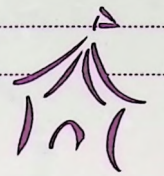


CVNRA 25th Anniversary Pre-concert Activity Stations

Program and artists subject to change

Station 9

Hospitality Tent



4:30 - 7 p.m.
For invited guests only

Station 10

Robin Echols Cooper & Dave Young

4:30 - 5 p.m.
River Run faculty make stories come to life with music and interactive performance
Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Iroko Drum & Dance

5:10 - 5:40 p.m.
Music and dance of West Africa and the Caribbean

Wohali Thunder

5:50 - 6:20 p.m.
American Indian song and dance

Akron Pan Groove Steel Drum Band

6:30 - 7 p.m.
Sounds of the Caribbean islands

Station 11

Straw Canal Boat

4:30 - 7 p.m.
A full-sized canal boat replica to climb aboard and imagine life along the Ohio & Erie Canal

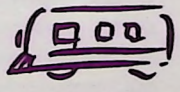
Canal-boat Making

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Craft area to make a canal boat from styrofoam blocks and wooden pegs
Presented by the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition

Station 12

New Games

4:30 - 7 p.m.
A chance to play active outdoor and environmental games popular in the 1970s when CVNRA was established



Station 13

Storytelling Roundrobin

4:45 - 7 p.m.
Buckeye legends and tales by Foster Brown and Hank Mallery and environmental stories by Robin Echols Cooper
Presented by Cleveland Metroparks and Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Station 14

Nature Face Painting

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Station 15

Make-it-take-it Area

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Craft area to create stick puppets of animals of the Cuyahoga Valley
Sponsored by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Station 16

Eastern National

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Sales area with park-specific sales items

Station 17

Craig Erickson

4:30 - 5 p.m.
Environmental songs
Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Denny Jones and Marty Jones

5:10 - 5:40 p.m.
Guitar and fiddle

Foster Brown and Hank Mallery

5:50 - 6:20 p.m.
Original and traditional canal songs
Presented by Cleveland Metroparks

Jim Kalal

6:30 - 7 p.m.
Canal music

Station 18

Model Train

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Station 19

Boston Mills Ski Ramp

4:30 - 7 p.m.
Demonstration of skiing techniques
Presented by Boston Mills/Brandywine Ski Resorts

Station 20

Dinner in the Grove

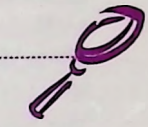
5 - 7 p.m.
For invited guests only

Station 21

Time Travel

4:30 - 7 p.m.
A time line of fun, hands-on activities introducing changes in the Cuyahoga Valley since glaciers covered the land
Presented by Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

Station 22



Sherlock and the Case of the Missing Anniversary

5:30 - 5:50 p.m. & 6 - 6:20 p.m.
Puppet show in which nature detective Sherlock Bones confronts the evil Scrinch who is determined to stop the park's anniversary celebration

Station 23

Old Games

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
A chance to try your hand at games popular in the 19th century
Presented by Hale Farm & Village

Station 24

Sidewalk Chalk Art

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Nature of the Cuyahoga Valley interpreted in sidewalk chalk by artists Dyane Hronek Hanslik and Story Lee Rhinehart from the Cleveland Museum of Art's Department of Community Arts

Station 25

Irish in Cuyahoga Valley

5:30 - 5:50 p.m. & 6 - 6:20 p.m.
The Irish experience in the valley brought to life through storytelling by Mike Mazur and Irish music and dance by The Portersharks.

The People's Park

Although the law establishing Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area (CVNRA) was signed in 1974, the park's real roots reach back much farther. In 1925, long before "sprawl" was a household word, the Olmsted Brothers landscape architects championed preserving the valley and side ravines for their scenic and recreational values. In the '20s and '30s, city dwellers were finding pleasure in touring the newly emerging metropolitan parks between the two industrial cities, while the Civilian Conservation Corps was busy creating park facilities.

But the idyllic valley was not without threats. A dam on the Cuyahoga River, proposed in 1937, would have inundated valley villages. The postwar development boom introduced the real possibility of Cleveland and Akron merging towards each other through the valley. By 1962, the time was ripe for the formation of the Peninsula Valley Heritage Association "to preserve, protect and promote the historic heritage of the Peninsula area [and] encourage development of the natural, scenic, and historic features of the Cuyahoga Valley," which it continues to do today, now as the Cuyahoga Valley Association (CVA).

Early association meetings dealt with familiar topics: planning celebrations of canal history, saving trees, preserving historic buildings, and forming a committee to support the creation of a park between Akron and Cleveland. The beginning efforts in Peninsula soon spread outward beyond the village's borders and beyond the historic preservation ideas to eventually involve scores of organizations, hundreds of citizens, and thousands of petition signers. In the drive to create what eventually became Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, people of many ages and varying levels of power got involved, from young Sierra Club members gathering signatures to newly elected Congressman John F. Seiberling. Seiberling skillfully steered his bill through Congress, recognizing that a park project the size of the Cuyahoga would require a federal-sized bank account.

Citizen support for the park grew in the early '70s, orchestrated by the Cuyahoga Valley Park Federation, a coalition of over 50 groups under the umbrella of CVA. The Federation's popular bus tours of the valley became an effective way to promote the park idea. Heros and heroines fought battles of all sizes in the formative years. There were the League of Women Voters' leaders, known as the "sewer sisters," who produced well-documented environmental studies. There were the five CVA members who put up their own money to save the Frazee House from destruction, and the school kids who gathered pennies to rebuild the Everett Road Covered Bridge after it was destroyed by flood. Others organized against expansion of power lines and landfills. Foundations and key businesses stepped up to infuse precious dollars into the preservation effort.

When the first National Park Service superintendent arrived in Peninsula in 1975, the valley park was already in the hearts of the people who worked to bring it to life. A full generation has grown since the park began. The next generation peeks out at the future as their moms and dads ride the Towpath, attend a park program, or dance to cajun tunes at a Heritage Series Concert. Their young dreams must guide our dreams for the park's next quarter century.

Your Modern Park

Getting Involved Today

Lend a Hand

Volunteers enhance every aspect of park operations and are the mainstay of many nonprofit organizations. Your talents can fill a need! To learn more about volunteering in CVNRA, call the Volunteer in Parks Program Manager at 440-546-5996 or the Cuyahoga Valley Association at 330-657-2909.

Extend the Preservation Ethic

Today, partnerships between citizen groups and the National Park Service continue to flourish, mirroring those set in motion 25 years ago. You can help extend the recreation and preservation opportunities north and south of the park by joining the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition or the Ohio Canal Corridor, or by becoming involved in any of the park's partner groups.

Can You Spare a Dime?

Fundraising events enhance park programs, support special projects, and sustain nonprofit groups. You can help by contributing to March for Parks, Towpath Tags, and other fundraising efforts.

Speak Up

Parks are essential for a healthy society. Citizens have always played an important part in preserving places of historic and natural importance. Speak up in your community on behalf of those special places.

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Many organizations beyond the National Park Service provide programs and facilities in the Cuyahoga Valley, making the valley a truly vibrant place to visit. Those listed here have helped present today's Great Outdoor Concert and the Pre-concert Festival.

Hale Farm & Village

Hale Farm & Village is a mid 19th-century outdoor living history museum operated by the Western Reserve Historical Society. Visitors share in the daily lives of historic characters, discussing the struggles, triumphs, and joys of life in the Western Reserve township of Wheatfield in the year 1848. Costumed "pioneers" tell their stories in first-person, bringing the time period to life. Hale Farm & Village artisans such as the blacksmith, candle maker, glassblower, and potter demonstrate the industries of the mid-1800s.

For more information, contact 330-666-3711.

Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts

Boston Mills and Brandywine Ski Resorts opened independently in 1963. For decades, these resorts, now managed together, have provided outstanding winter recreation in the form of downhill skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing to winter enthusiasts in the Cuyahoga Valley. Boston Mills also hosts one of America's top summer outdoor art festivals. Held in late June and early July, Boston Mills Artfest features the work of 300 exhibitors and welcomes more than 30,000 visitors annually.

For more information, contact 330-657-2334 or 800-U-SKI-241.

Eastern National

Eastern National operates booksales areas in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area and more than 130 national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National strives to offer quality educational materials to park visitors and uses the proceeds to support park activities. Since chartered in 1948, Eastern National has donated over $40 million to the National Park Service. These donations have been used locally and across the country to purchase key tracts of land, provide funds for park libraries and resource protection projects, and support creative interpretive programs.

For more information, contact 330-657-2045.

Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center

The Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center (CVEEC) is dedicated to providing innovative programs for students and educators from northeastern Ohio and beyond. Set within the scenic Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, this environmental learning facility is jointly operated by the National Park Service and its non-profit partner, CVEEC. Surrounded by 500 acres of natural habitats, CVEEC includes two campuses each with 64 beds, classroom space, a science laboratory, and a dining hall. The facility, which offers residential and day-use educational programs during the school year, is home to River Run Arts-Earth Studies Camp and Cuyahoga Valley Explorers Camp.

For more information, contact 330-657-2796 or 800-642-3297.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad provides riders with a unique look at the Cuyahoga Valley. Running through the heart of Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, each trip is a different adventure filled with fun, excitement, natural beauty, and historic sites. Trips include shorter excursions, all-day adventures with side-trips to area attractions, and special events. You'll ride in comfortable, vintage coaches built between 1939 and 1940 that originally saw passenger service on the Seaboard and Santa Fe Railroads. A baggage car can carry your bicycle for a one-way trip on the train followed by a return bicycle trip on the Towpath Trail.

For more information, contact 330-657-2000 or 800-468-4070.

Cleveland Metroparks

Cleveland Metroparks was established in 1917 to provide open space for the people of Greater Cleveland while preserving the natural resources of the area. Cleveland Metroparks consists of more than 20,000 acres of land in 14 reservations, their connecting parkways, and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The newest addition, the 325-acre Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, provides for recreational opportunities such as biking, hiking, canoeing, and bird-watching. The Leonard Krieger CanalWay Center, located in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, offers a unique exploration of the natural, cultural, and industrial history of the valley.

For more information, contact 216-351-6300.

Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition

The Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition (OECCC), along with Ohio Canal Corridor (OCC), was a driving force behind the development of the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Corridor in 1986. Both organizations continue to work to stimulate public interest and support for the protection, preservation, development, and enhancement of the historical, natural, and recreational resources along the route of the Ohio & Erie Canal.

For more information about OECCC, contact 330-434-5657.

For more information about OCC, contact 216-348-1825.

Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce

The Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce works to enhance the welfare and prosperity of the Peninsula area for its citizens and business community. Surrounded by the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, the Village of Peninsula strives to promote and preserve the economic, cultural, historical, environmental, and educational resources of the community while welcoming visitors to CVNRA and the Cuyahoga Valley.

For more information, visit www.explorepeninsula.com.

Cuyahoga Countryside Conservancy

The Cuyahoga Countryside Conservancy was created in 1999 to preserve and restore agricultural landscapes within the Cuyahoga Valley.

For more information, contact 330-657-2532.

Cuyahoga Valley Association

The Cuyahoga Valley Association (CVA) is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1962 to preserve and protect the natural and historic features of the Cuyahoga River valley. In the 1970s, CVA played an instrumental role in organizing grass-roots support for protecting the valley as a park, helping ensure the passage of the federal legislation that created CVNRA. The group now supports CVNRA in a variety of ways, such as raising funds for special projects and program enhancements, providing support for the cultural arts programs, publishing educational and interpretive materials, fostering the Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society, and encouraging volunteerism. In partnership with the National Park Service, the association created the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center and the Cuyahoga Countryside Conservancy. Membership in the Cuyahoga Valley Association is open to anyone interested in supporting the park. Benefits include discounts on CVA-sponsored programs and products.

For more information, call 330-657-2909

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For More Information

For more information about Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, call 216-524-1497 or 800-445-9667 or visit www.nps.gov/cuva. Information about park programs is available from the *Schedule of Events* and the Day in the Valley Calendar website described below.

Schedule of Events

The quarterly *Schedule of Events* lists specific program details. You can have it mailed to you. To be added to the park mailing list, call 440-546-5991. The schedule is also available online at www.nps.gov/cuva/programs.htm.

Day in the Valley Calendar

For a one-stop listing of all of the activities and facilities presented by the many organizations in the Cuyahoga Valley, visit www.dayinthevalley.com. Select a date of your choosing, and the calendar will generate a list of everything happening that day in the valley.

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